

THIS month's issue of *Soldiers* is dedicated to veterans — both past and present — who have answered our nation's call. Perhaps no group of veterans has shown more patriotism, valor and fidelity than the men of the 442nd Regimental Combat Team and the 100th Infantry Battalion. These Japanese-Americans, many of whom had loved ones in U.S. government detention camps, fought courageously in some of the most horrific battles of World War II. From Hawaii, Heike Hasenauer brings you the story of these distinguished veterans in "Go for Broke!"

Also from Hawaii, *Soldiers* veteran correspondent Steve Harding takes a look at the mammoth mission of the 559th Transportation Group. In "PACOM's Movement Masters," Steve shows us how the group orchestrates transportation require-



ments for an area of responsibility that spans more than 105 million square miles.

Finally, photo editor SFC Alberto Betancourt brings you powerful images — taken by some of the Army's best photographers — of serving veterans in Afghanistan, Australia, Iraq and Kosovo in "On Point."

We hope you find this issue of *Soldiers* interesting and informative.

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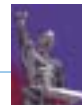
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Armed Coasties

GREAT magazine! The August issue was especially good, though I would like to point out one error in Heike Hasenauer's article "Boosting Security in Hawaii."

On page 15 she talks about "all four armed services, and the Coast Guard," when she should have simply said "all five armed services." The Coast Guard has always been part of the nation's armed forces (and I've greatly enjoyed my 25 years service)!

Once again, your magazine is a great read!

CAPT Eddie Mack, USCG
via e-mail

CHPPM Toolkit

WE here at the U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine (CHPPM) were happy to see the short article "Feel Your Best" on page 32 of the August issue. Please note that the Web address for our Self-care Toolkit is <http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil/dhpw/Wellness/SelfCare/toolkit.aspx>.

Ann Ham
via e-mail

MOUT Memorial

THE August article "Tomorrow's Battlefield" by SGT Mike Kieser was great, but I have one observation.

As a non-Army person, I had to read almost the entire article before I learned that the military operations in urban terrain site is named after Medal of Honor winners Randall Shughart and Gary Gordon. While MOUT is mentioned several times, including in every picture caption, Shughart and Gordon are mentioned only twice, near the end of the article and then only in passing.

The fact that the MOUT is named after these two brave soldiers who gave all should have been clearly established at the beginning of the article.

Al Dolney
via e-mail

Warbikes & Helmets

FROM a safety point of view, the two soldiers riding the enduro-style motorcycles on page 18 of the August "War Bikes" article are serious injuries waiting to happen.

I have been involved in several fact-finding groups in North Carolina concerning the ongoing debate about whether motorcyclists should be allowed (by law) to ride without helmets if they so choose. I'm firmly convinced that an approved helmet is an absolute necessity when it comes to preventing serious injury or death, even to the point that I support outlawing the thin turtle shell style helmets you routinely see on the highways, which barely meet the legal requirement, and provide very little protection.

I am also convinced that except for the ballistic protection afforded by the Kevlar the pictured military riders are wearing, they would almost be safer not wearing helmets at all. They look really "military and soldierly" in the photo, but the Army should get over the "image issue" and provide these soldiers with a Snell Foundation-approved full face helmet, because the support structure and fit of the Kevlar is so inferior to a commercially manufactured motorcycle helmet that the protection factor is minimal.

SFC Clay H. Kimrey
via e-mail

July Kudos

This is just a short note to let you know that I really liked your July issue — the format is great and the content is dead-on. Keep up the good work!

CSM Robert Rose
via e-mail

Identity Theft

I ENJOY the Hot Topics section and the edition in the May Soldiers had good information on identify theft.

The site you listed on page 11 for placement on a do-not-call list

(www.the-dma.org/consumers/offtelephonelist.html) charges a \$5 fee for registration by e-mail. They do not charge for mail-in registration, but they tell you it takes longer.

Your readers might like to know that in addition to this site there is a free National Registry site at www.donotcall.gov.

Joan Pouch
via e-mail

Bravo for Youth Challenge

OUR company provides training and technical assistance to the National Guard's Youth Challenge program, and we also maintain the program's Web site. We feel that Beth Reece's May article "Youth Challenge" does an exceptional job of explaining the Challenge program to those who are not familiar with it while also boosting the morale of the Challenge staff.

Kelly Belmonte
via e-mail

Scarce DCUs

AS my unit recently prepared to deploy to Afghanistan, we encountered trouble getting DCUs issued due to the recent high demand.

When soldiers enter the Army, they receive two sets of hot-weather BDUs and two sets of temperate-weather BDUs. I can't speak for everyone, but the only purpose my temperate-weather uniforms have served is to occupy space in my wall locker.

Might the Army's money be better spent getting new soldiers the uniforms they'll be more likely to wear?

SSG Charles A. Gross
Camp Shelby, Miss.



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